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Minutes of the Monthly DPW Partnership Council Meeting, July 2002

The Monthly DPW Partnership Council Meeting was held 18 Jul 02, 1315, DPW CR1, Bldg 4612. Nancy Niemann chaired the meeting.

Attendees were:

Nancy Niemann
Rhonda L. Taylor
Kathy Jackson
Cheryl Kielman
Tommy P. Cassidy
Karen Callaway
Linda Wilson
Hossain Mehrabian
Steve Meiman
Jerry Dyson
William L. Schwartz

Old Business:

- Union replacement for Ronnie Parker – Nancy Niemann spoke with Cheryl Barrett, HRO Chief, who stated that there is no plan to replace him as a union representative and that she had only recently been told to extend Ronnie Parker's detail at DCA for another 60 days.
- Status of purchasing snacks at AAFES – Garrison Commander has approved civilian personnel purchasing snacks and drinks at AAFES shoppettes and gas stations. No cigarettes or beer. Civilian ID is required and these snacks and drinks cannot be charged to the GSA gasoline credit cards. Credit cards will be monitored for abuse.
- 79th Street entrance – PMO is still looking at feasibility of employees using 79th Street to exit. No decision yet.

New Business:

- Rhonda Taylor requested the Partnership Council Meeting Minutes be put on the Web page for all to view. Kathy Jackson working the issue.
- William Schwartz requested that employees, already allowed to exit through the back gate at Hood Army Airfield, entering onto W.S. Young Drive, also be allowed to enter through that gate to deter some of the congestion at other gates. Limited hour access was allowed before 11 Sep; no entrance access since. Nancy Niemann is checking on this issue

- Cell Phone antennas – Someone heard that DOIM has disapproved putting the antennas at buildings where reception is bad. Karen Callaway said DOIM has not disapproved and the issue is still being worked.
- Position Descriptions – Steve Meimann asked about justification for downgrades after MEO is implemented, are duties and responsibilities being taken away to justify downgrades? Emmet Gray, CA Chief, provided answer that generally the downgrades are based on strict interpretation of job standards and positions may have been over-graded for duties previously.
- Status of R&U (Self-Help) – There is no evidence of R&U teams doing any work. Linda Wilson stated that training should be provided for employees and units to determine what functions are self-help. Karen Callaway said implementation of the MEO will improve scheduling of repairs. Emergency-only team will be implemented. Also, an education forum for customers is being worked by MES. DPW SGM will be looking into issue.
- Put cell phone numbers for everyone with cell phones on Web page – Cheryl Kielman will discuss this with Bill Mallow to determine if there are any security violations by putting phone numbers and names in the DPW-Only area of the DPW Web page.
- BRAVO problem – Sometimes a BRAVO takes leave, or a BRAVO position is vacant, and there is no BRAVO in the shop to contact. That creates problems for shop employees to get their service orders in or completed. It was suggested that everyone program their phones with the other BRAVOs' phone numbers to be able to contact one. However, some people have trouble programming the phones. Communication is the key to solving this problem.
- Service Order Completion at Barracks – POCs on service orders aren't available to let DPW personnel into rooms to make repairs. Someone with keys must be present to let them in. There appear to be a variety of reasons but bottom line is that workers are wasting a lot of time trying to gain access. The process of having DA 1687's on file doesn't seem to be helping.

Meeting adjourned at 1410. Next meeting will be held 15 Aug 02, 1315-1500, Bldg 4213 Conference Room.